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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORCH, Ludgate Circus. R. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monnaie, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. A. MOLVER, Esq.
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Hon. W. KESWICK.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks, MALT, HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.
Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

FOR SALE.

A NEW COTTAGE GRAND PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.
Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe5

SAM HING STULTZ,
HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYTHRENE," AND

HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

HATS in EVERY STYLE.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, December 11, 1878. fe13

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 3.—Vol. VII.

OF THE "CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Jottings from the Book of Rites. Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.

Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of History.

Coins of the "Ta-Tsing" Dynasty. The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.

The Ballads of the Shik-king. Translations of Chinese School-books.

Tonic and Vocal Modification in the Foochow Dialect.

Legislation and Law in Ancient China. A Plea for "Fan-kwal."

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—

Taxes on Industries in Canton. A Bit of Folk-lore about Candies, Lamps and Fire.

Legends on Chinese Pottery. Tame Birds.

To make a Tui (Antithesis). "Respect This."

The Army of Kwangtung. Gutta Percha in China.

Chinese Dialects. "Confucius, Losing a Horse in the Desert."

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office.
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILBER LAMPS. French and English BOOTS and SHOES. The New Patent LIFE VESTS. PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES. SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS. SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES. FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES. CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES. DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS. CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted. AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS. BASS' ALE. GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.

Bass in Hlds., SACCOFFE'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, &c., will be held on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 12th and 13th of February, 1879.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1879. fe13

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

AVIS.

IL sera procédé le MARDI, 11 Février, 1879, à deux heures et demie de l'après-midi, à la Chancellerie du Consulat de France à Hongkong, à l'adjudication de la fourniture:—

1.—DES VIVRES DE JOURNALIER ET DE CAMPAGNE.

2.—DU MATÉRIEL.

3.—DU CHARIOT DE TERRE.

Destinés à assurer à Hongkong le ravitaillement des Navires composant la Division navale des mers de Chine et du Japon.

Les Cahiers des conditions de ces fournitures sont déposés à la Chancellerie du Consulat où les négociants désireux de participer à l'adjudication pourront en prendre connaissance.

Les offres de ces négociants, présentées sous forme de soumission ou d'engagement, devront comprendre toutes les matières et denrées indiquées au Cahier des charges, et mentionner les prix auxquels ils consentiront à fournir chacune de ces matières et denrées.

Hongkong, le 29 Janvier, 1879.

Le Consul de France,
I. FLICHON.

CONSULATE OF FRANCE, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

ON TUESDAY, the 11th February, 1879, at Half-past 2 O'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Consulate of France, Tenders will be received and decided for the Supply of:—

1st.—PROVISIONS.

2nd.—STORES AND MATERIALS.

3rd.—COAL.

Intended for the Reviotgling and Fueling of the Vessels composing the naval Division of the French Fleet in China and Japan.

The conditions under which the Tenders will be received, and the particulars of the Articles to be supplied, are deposited at the French Consulate, where parties desiring to Tender can inspect them.

The Tenders, which are to be presented accompanied with a signed form of engagement, should comprise all the Provisions and Materials mentioned in the particulars referred to above, and include the prices at which the contractor will undertake to supply each description of Provisions and Materials.

Hongkong, January 29th, 1879.

I. FLICHON,
Consul for France.

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February next, at Three O'Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1878, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 28th day of February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Just Arrived from England, an Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. fe1

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STREET.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

LOST.

ABOUT the 7th or 8th Dec., an English White Poodle DOG, Female, Answering to the name of "BEAUTY," A liberal Reward will be given for its return to 3rd door above Gage Street, on Peel Street, MRS. GORDON.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SEVENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TALLS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 8th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 16th January, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, January 4, 1879. fe3

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe15

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd, to SATURDAY, the 15th February next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe15

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the RATE of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next, the 31st Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN begs to advertise that he will leave this Colony for EUROPE on or about the 8th of March next, and therefore no Photos. can be taken by him after the 28th of February.

Hongkong, January 13, 1879. fe13

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

TO LET.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession 1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st April next.

As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 15, 1876.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to
TURNER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 1, 1876.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform

SULLIVAN'S OPERA

H. M. S. "PINAFORE,"

ON

MONDAY,

February 10th, 1879.

TICKETS may be procured and Seats reserved at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s on and after Wednesday,

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF JOHN GRANT SMITH and WILLIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MADEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. f4

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. f71

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

MR. J. J. HOWARD is hereby authorized to SIGN BILLS OF LADING by the Company's Steamers.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879. f62

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from this Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. f61

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port and at CANTON as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU & Co.

T. I. E. von PUSTAU.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. f61

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr. OTTO BENECKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878.

CARLOWITZ & Co.
Canton, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. f61

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED my BUSINESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS,
Surveyor to Local Insurance Office and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.
Club Chambers,
Hongkong, December 21, 1878. f61

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR.

THOS. ARNOLD.
16, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. f61

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, January 24, 1879. f624

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE.
Office, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

WE have To-day entered into Partnership under the Firm of DENEKE & GEORG as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS.

CARL DENEKE,
ERICH GEORG.
Fodder's Hill, No. 2,
Hongkong, January 15, 1879. f61

NOTICE.

MR. ROBERT BERNHARD has this Day CEASED to be a Partner in our Business.

HEINEMANN & Co.,
Ship Brokers.
Hongkong, January 17, 1879. f617

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHU, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,
Leases of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gordon Castle*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m., To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 4th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1879. f64

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH BARQUE ABBEY COWPER, FROM ANTWERP.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 29, 1879. f62

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.
Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

Ex "Iraquady,"
G (in diamond) No. 1/8, Messrs Gilman & Co., 8 cases Granite, from London.
Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. YANGTSE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 31st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.
Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

Intimations.

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

Fontenay, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Fanny, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.
Prince Arthur, British barque, Capt. R. Wils.—Chidese.

Pacific, German steamer, Capt. Herpshelm.—Jensen & Co.
Pillgrim, American ship, Capt. Fowle.—Russell & Co.

Alfredo, Italian barque, Captain S. Pittaluga.—Borneo Co., Limited.
Hakon Adelstein, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. Berge.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Brethoven, German barque, Capt. R. Hej.—Melchior & Co.
S. B. Allen, American barque, Captain L. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.

Channel Queen, British ship, Captain Le Loeur.—E. Schellhass & Co.

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)
PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage paid 50 cents.) \$12 per annum (postage paid \$13.50.)

Orders should be sent to GEO. MORRIS BAIN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than the evening before the departure of the English Mail Steamer.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOIHOW.
The Steamer, "ATLANTA," Captain G. PETERSEN, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY Next, the 2nd February, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 31, 1879. f62

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
THE OFFICE of the UNDERSIGNED has been REMOVED to STANLEY STREET, opposite Bayle & Co.

FRED. DEGENAER.
Hongkong, January 31, 1879. f67

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *OCEANIC* will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 6th February, 1879; at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 5th February. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

For further Information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Jan. 30. *Northern Star*, British barque, 327. John Wortley, Quilnion Jan. 10, Salt.

Jan. 31. *Chariton*, British steamer, 799. Shanks, Cooktown Jan. 8, and Thursday Island 15. Coal.—Geo. R. STEVENS & Co.

Jan. 31. 4 p.m., *Fuyew*, Chinese steamer, 920. Crood, Shanghai Jan. 28, 3.30 a.m. General.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Jan. 31. *Brisbane*, British steamer, 891. Reddell, Sydney Dec. 29, via ports of call, and Singapore Jan. 24, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Jan. 31. *Meik*, for Haiphong, 81. Danube, for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.
Jan. 31. *Meik*, for Haiphong, 81. Danube, for Bangkok.

OLBARED.
Charite, for Tientsin.
Paralos, for Tientsin.
Hawthorn, for Tientsin.
Gordon Castle, for Shanghai.
Nestor, for Shanghai.
Bellona, for Bangkok.
Condor, for Hamburg.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per *Brisbane*, from Sydney, &c., Capt. Jones Parry, Dr. J. M. Gordon, Messrs W. P. Buckhurst and L. Izee, and 83 Chinese, also 32 distressed Chinese seamen.

Per *Chariton*, from Cooktown, &c., 223 Chinese.

Per *Fuyew*, from Shanghai, 31 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per *Meik*, for Haiphong, 10 Chinese; for Haiphong, 15 Chinese.

TO DEPART.
Per *Pekin*, from Hongkong: for Southampton, The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Phillipps, Messrs R. C. Callaway, Angier, T. W. Duggeby and Hall; for Singapore, Mr. L. Evans, Col. Dickins and native servant, Mr. G. Lethbridge and native servant, and Wan Chung Hin and servant; for Brindisi, Mr. and Mrs. Fairhurst; for Venice, Mr. M. Brown, Jr.; for Galle, Mr. E. A. Reeves.

From Shanghai: for Venice, Dr. J. N. Focke, Mrs. Focke, infant and servant.

From Yokohama: for Southampton, Mr. W. B. Wright, child and servant, Mrs. Griffin, infant and 2 children and servant.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British barque *Northern Star* reports: Light wind and fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Chariton* reports: Left Cooktown on the 8th inst. and arrived at Thursday Island on the 12th, leaving again on the 14th with the passengers from the wreck of the S. S. *Mecca*, which is on Ipi Reef, entrance of Torres Straits, and is a total wreck.

The Chinese steamer *Fuyew* reports: Fine weather as far as Heasby, the wind increasing from N.E. with fog and rain to Oakeau, light winds to the Lamooks, thence to port strong N.E. winds with hazy weather.

The British steamer *Brisbane* reports: Left Sydney Dec. 29th, Brisbane Jan. 2nd, Keppel Bay 3rd, Bowen and Townsville 5th, Cooktown 7th, and Thursday Island 9th. Arriving at Singapore on 20th landed mails and passengers for transhipment to Europe, and left Singapore at 7 a.m. 24th.

From Sydney to Thursday Island experienced very dirty weather, upon arrival there found the A. S. N. Co.'s S. S. *Ocean* beached for repairs also embarked the shipwrecked crew of the S. S. *Mecca*, four officers and engineers for Singapore; 92 distressed Chinese seamen for Hongkong.

From Thursday Island to Singapore experienced moderate N.W. monsoon with heavy rain squalls. From Singapore to 15 N. lat., moderate monsoon with head sea.

From thence to within 12 hours of arrival fine with light monsoon—thence to arrival strong head wind and sea. Passed the Co.'s S. S. *Somerset* at midnight on the 18th inst. bound South; and the barque *James Shepherd* of London on the 15th steering to the Eastward.

CARGO.
Per *Pekin*, for London, 7,648 boxes Tea, 1,676 half-chests and 768 pkgs. Tea, 9 cases Silk Piece Goods, 34 bales Silk, 13 bales Waste Silk, 116 bales Punjab Silk, and 681 bales Sundries.

For Continent, 57 bales Silk, 12 bales Waste Silk, and 19 pkgs. Sundries.

For New York, 90 bales Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—Per *Kwangtung*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st February.

For HOIHOW (AND PAKHOI).—Per *Atlanta*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st February.

For SAIGON.—Per *Quinta*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 3rd February.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—The British Contract Packet *Pekin* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 6th February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

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MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—The French Contract Packet *Tigre* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 8th February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *City of Peking* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

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HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE CONTRACT MAILS.
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 2:—

Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast Ports.

Daylight.—*Atlanta* leaves for Hoihow.

MONDAY, February 3:—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

Register of Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed from this date to 15th February, inclusive.

TUESDAY, February 4:—

Goods per *Gordon Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 6:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, February 8:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MONDAY, February 10:—

9 p.m.—Opera by the H. K. Choral Society at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, February 11:—

Transfer Books of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 24th February, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 12:—

Transfer Books of The H. K. Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 20th February, inclusive.

SATURDAY, February 15:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

SATURDAY, February 22:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, February 24:—

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

WEDNESDAY, February 26:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Gordon Castle* leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 31, 1879.

OUR valuable contemporary, *The Hongkong Catholic Register*, apologises in its issue of Wednesday last for having omitted the words "It is reported" from the commendable lines of its account of the wonderful miracles performed the other day at Goa. It then proceeds ingeniously to gloss over this correction by stating that "no good Catholic positively asserts that a miracle has been wrought until the church has investigated the facts and pronounced as to their miraculous nature." We should not have again referred to this wretched piece of humbug, had not our contemporary added the following lines to his "apology":—"The paragraph was not penned by the Editor (although our contemporary of the *China Mail* asserts the contrary)." These remarks are calculated to mislead. Our words were: "The *Register* presents its readers with an account, apparently written by its Editor, of the exposition of the body of Saint Francis Xavier in the Church of 'Bon Jesus' at Goa." Although we merely asserted in these remarks that the account was apparently written by the Editor of the *Register*, we have yet to be convinced that it was not in part written by him. It certainly reads as if it were, while its presence among the items of local news, the absence of any quotation marks, and the failure to insert the words "It is reported," would assuredly lead any intelligent reader to the conclusion that the account had been written from the Catholic papers of Goa by the Editor of the *Register*, and was endorsed by him to the degree that he permitted it to appear as his own. Surely we are not to assume that the Editor

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before his Lordship the Chief Justice.)
Jan. 31, 1879.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.
The hearing of the application by the Official Assignee for power to sell the machinery, patent, &c., of the Oriental Sugar Refinery, was continued this morning.

The Attorney General, instructed by Mr. Brereton, appeared for the Official Assignee (the petitioner); and Mr. Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for Lo Hok Fung, the principal mortgagee (\$173,000). The judgment creditors and others were represented as follows:—For the Eastern Agency Company, mortgage of part of Mr. McGregor Smith's share; and also for Lai Ating, a judgment creditor for \$272,77; Mr. Toller appeared. For Messrs. Birley & Co., mortgage of \$18,573.25; and for Mr. W. H. Brereton, mortgage of Mr. K's share, \$10,402.20, Mr. Brereton appeared. And for Messrs. Inglis & Co., a judgment creditor for \$207,043, Messrs. Stephens & Holmes appeared.

A preliminary discussion arose as to the priority of claims; and even the priority of Mr. Hayllar's claim was questioned by the learned Attorney General in the event of sufficient money not being obtained. The A.G., however, observed that one reason for the general desire to sell was that a higher price will be obtained for the property if sold now.

The Chief Justice asked how they were to deal with Mr. McGregor Smith, as absent or not? The power of attorney which was said to have been held by Mr. Kier appeared to have been lost; but there was no affidavit to show that this was the case. He had yesterday directed attention to this matter, but he could not help it. He had to be very careful, as he saw many difficulties. He was anxious to know how far absent parties would be bound by these proceedings.

Mr. Hayllar, in reply to the Court, said that, so far as his client was concerned, the sale would be a good thing for all parties, and he had no objection whatever so long as it fetched the price of his mortgage.

The Chief Justice agreed that the sale might be beneficial, but he must not compromise the Court by giving this order. Besides the mortgagee would sell next month.

The Attorney General remarked that there was reason to believe that a much better price could be got if the property were sold now than on 25th February next. The Chief Justice asked whether they could not agree not to sell below a certain price.

Mr. Brereton rose and made an allusion to the process which would have been followed had there been a Creditors' Assignee upon which.

The Chief Justice spoke warmly of the absence of a Creditors' Assignee on this and other occasions. Why, he said, do not the creditors come forward and take care of their own interests? Why do they not do their duty, and come here and appoint a Creditors' Assignee, who could protect their interests?

Mr. Brereton suggested that only two of the partners had as yet been declared bankrupts. The case was not ripe until the whole firm were adjudicated.

The Chief Justice asked why the creditors could not prove their debts against each as the bankruptcy arose. All the mischief in this Colony had arisen from the misconduct of creditors—the grave misconduct of creditors.

The Attorney General said that the chief mortgagee, if fully reimbursed, could not object; and he was convinced that it would be to the advantage of all concerned to sell at once.

All the parties represented, as above detailed, then submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court, and expressed themselves as in favour of the petition. Here the Chief Justice called the attention of the Deputy Registrar to the fact that his business to take down all proceedings, as a record of the Court.

Mr. Hayllar here explained that his client, Lo Hok Fung, had already sold the interest on his mortgage to another, conditionally on an order being given by the Court to sell. All his interest had already been sold.

The Chief Justice observed that this raised another question, as the purchaser was not represented by any one.

Mr. Hayllar said that he saw really no difficulty at all, as this contract had been known by all parties.

The Attorney General remarked that this was the reason that the petition was now before his Lordship.

The Chief Justice asked what good any order of his might be as against this purchaser; he ought to have been here.

The Attorney General replied that, if they got the order, they would sell, and hand the mortgagee the money. The purchaser who contracts with the mortgagee could not be in a better position than the mortgagee himself.

The Chief Justice observed that the purchaser was in a different position, inasmuch as he had not submitted and would not be bound by the order of the Court.

After some conversational discussion, and the contract had been produced between the mortgagee (Lo Hok Fung) and the purchaser of his interest, the Chief Justice drew attention to the fact that the Official Assignee had as yet to do with only half of the property, two only of the partners having been made bankrupts.

Mr. Brereton asked the Chief Justice whether he would make an order to sell if Mr. McGregor Smith's assets were obtained. He was now in Penang.

The Attorney General remarked that after clearing off the mortgage of Lo Hok Fung (\$173,000), they could sell at any time; but it was a large sum of money to raise.

The Chief Justice here found that Mr. Brereton had acted for the purchaser in drawing the contract with the mortgagee, and remarked that Mr. Brereton's interests appeared to conflict very much. He had acted for the purchaser of the chief mortgagee's interest, and now he acted for the Official Assignee to destroy, as it were, his own work.

Mr. Brereton explained that he had merely drawn up the contract to the best of his ability; he had not advised the purchaser since the contract was drawn; and he believed that the purchaser had since consulted Messrs. Sharp, Toller & Johnson.

The Chief Justice said there was great confusion here; but the Solicitor who prepared a contract generally acted throughout.

Mr. Toller, in reply to the Court, stated that he had advised the purchaser, but on

other matters only, since the contract was drawn up. The Chief Justice remarked that it had evidently been thought rather a catch to sell, and it was not now. Here was a case for a Creditors' Assignee, who ought to have been appointed. Mr. McGregor Smith, he understood, was at Penang on his way home.

Mr. Brereton said Mr. Smith was on his way to Hongkong.

Mr. Hayllar put it that Mr. McGregor Smith was approaching Hongkong by easy stages.

The Attorney General explained that Mr. McGregor Smith was at Penang, where he had business with the sugar-planters there.

The Chief Justice said that of course Mr. Smith must have business there, as no one stayed a place without having some business there.

The Attorney General: But it is doubtful when he will arrive here (a laugh).

The Chief Justice then turned his attention to Mr. Brereton's affidavit, and stipulated that certified copies of the patent (Ducou's), together with an affidavit of the handwriting of the various deeds and signatures, should be supplied. Mr. Kier was also put in the box to prove the loss of the power of attorney he formerly held from Mr. McGregor Smith; and affidavits to show that due search had been made without success for this document, were likewise called for.

Mr. Brereton assured the Chief Justice that he had met Mr. McGregor Smith in London, and that that gentleman was most desirous to have the property sold; while he had but recently had a letter from Mr. Dawson, who agreed that it would be to his interest to get it sold.

The Chief Justice believed that he had no doubt Mr. Brereton believed that, as he had sworn to it in his affidavit, but the gentleman may have changed his mind since then. (To the Attorney General): We can now go on with the case; and I wish you to show me now, all these things being assumed, how I can give you an order.—His Lordship here referred to a very ingenious argument advanced by Mr. Toller, based upon Sect. 80 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 5 of 1864, to the effect that the estate and effects of a judgment debtor were as much subject to the order and direction of the Court as were the estate and effects of a bankrupt after a creditor's petition had been granted for adjudication.

The section reads as follows:—“XXX.—Except as is herein specially provided, the Debtor, personally, and all his Estate and Effects Real and Personal, shall, upon the issuing of such Judgment Debtor Summons, be subject to the Order and Direction of the Court in the same manner as if a Petition for Adjudication had been filed by a creditor against such Debtor under this Ordinance.”

His Lordship asked the Attorney General what he thought of Mr. Toller's argument.

The Attorney General was of opinion that there was a good deal in it. He thought it empowered the Court to act, and that it was immaterial whether there had been personal service, or whether the debtor were in the Colony or not.

The Chief Justice asked what was meant by the words “except as is herein specially provided.” He admitted it was an ill-constructed sentence in a masterly summary of the bankruptcy law, and he failed to find any model for it in the Home Act.

The Attorney General replied that he could see nothing in the previous sections that affected the argument as to this case. The 4th Section of the same Ordinance gave power to the Court over all the property of a debtor, upon a creditor's petition being filed, and before adjudication; while upon the issue of a judgment debtor's summons the debtor was placed in the same position as in the case of a creditor's petition being filed. As to the general power of the Court, in a bankruptcy, it had the power of sale, even where the mortgagee objected, subject to the rights of encumbrances; while here the mortgagee consented to the sale.

The Chief Justice wished to know if he could give the Official Assignee any further power against those outside than that officer got by the Act.

The Attorney General said it had been done.

The Chief Justice: As between parties present, but not those absent.

The Attorney General remarked that those who were absent could not be damaged. The partners were in difficulties, and could not carry on their business, so that it had been left to Messrs. Adamson, Ball & Co.

In reply to the Court, Mr. Brereton said he was quite prepared to take the order in the absence of Mr. Smith: he could get his consent by telegraph.

The Chief Justice wished to know if they would accept an order reserving the rights of Mr. McGregor Smith.

The Attorney General was afraid that might affect the sale of the property.

The Chief Justice, again remarking upon the difficulties presented by the case, expressed an opinion in passing that he did not think Heard's matter was at all satisfactory.

Mr. Hayllar said he did not think any one could be damaged; no one could be but Mr. McGregor Smith; and if he asserted any rights in the matter, some very strong equities would come in. There was a little risk, but it could be minimised.

The Chief Justice—on being informed that twenty-two proofs had been filed in Mr. Kier's bankruptcy, amounting to \$3512 in all, while no proof had been received in the bankruptcy of Wahes—again warmly animadverted upon the supineness of creditors when their own interests are at stake. If men would not come and prove their debts, how could they expect a remedy. Here was Mr. Kier's case. Twenty-two people appear for a paltry sum of \$3512; and he (the Chief Justice) was asked to strain the law that the creditors might obtain a remedy for those who didn't care a rush about it. He had protested against this tendency over and over again. It was an important case; and he would give his decision by and by.

The Attorney General asked his Lordship to assist them as much as he could.

The Chief Justice said he saw the difficulty in which the parties were placed, and he would certainly assist them as much as he could. Although the creditors were apparently dormant, still he would see what could be done for them.

The Attorney General remarked that the creditors would take up fast enough if the Official Assignee had any money.

The Chief Justice, before rising, said that, as the learned Attorney General was leaving

the Colony by to-morrow's mail, he was very sorry for the cause of Mr. Phillip's departure, and also that he was very sorry personally that he was going away. They had no doubt had little differences; they couldn't always do the duty properly without a little of that. He was sure they would all feel a loss of his departure from amongst them.

The Attorney General: I am much obliged to you, my Lord.

IN PROBATE.

The application for letters of administration, made by Mr. Thomas Jackson, on behalf of the executor under the will of the late Lieutenant-General Whitfield, was granted. The property was sworn to be under \$10,000.

Another similar application, on the part of a Chinaman, having been granted, the Court then rose.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the “CHINA MAIL,”
Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1879.

SIR,—On the arrival of the *Iron Duke* for her second Commission in China, we learned through the newspapers that a band of “Ethiopian Artists” as also a “Dramatic Company” were enclosed in those iron-clad sides.

An entertainment was given on Wednesday, and as the space was limited, so of necessity was the Company.

The Ethiopians, under their able conductor, will do well, when more confidence is attained and when flute and trumpet accompaniment may be allowed, to come to the front.

I am afraid it is a long time since the “dog dancer” left his training school. He showed great anxiety respecting the music and a want of confidence which spoiled the dance as a specimen of “dog dancing.”

The “Little Fiddlers” was considered the limited space well put on the stage, and I do not remember any occasion on which Amateur acting more fully deserved the applause which was conceded throughout, and brought the actors before their auditors after the fall of the curtain.

Having spent a most enjoyable evening at this entertainment, I am hopeful that it may be repeated at the theatre on shore, with the permission of the Naval authorities, and thus allow those who cannot go ashore to see.

WHAT OUR SAILORS CAN DO.

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)
H. E. the Governor accompanied by Major McNaughton and Lieut. Walker, A.D.C., arrived here yesterday morning (Jan. 19th) from Malacca, on board the Colonial steamer *Philo*. It is said His Excellency's visit was in connection with the vexed land question and the choice of a site for the proposed Free School.

The M. S. steamer *Sindh*, it would seem, still retains her reputation for speed. She left the Borneo Company's wharf at 8 o'clock last Saturday morning, and we learn from a passenger by the *Philo* yesterday (Sunday) that she passed Malacca at 4 o'clock on Saturday evening, thus making the passage in a little over 8 hours.

NETHERLANDS INDIAN NEWS.
“According to a report from Anjer, on Sunday the 22nd December, to the leeward of the Zulu islands, 23 vessels were lying at anchor owing to the strongly blowing monsoon. The British ship *Zow*, Patterson, from Anjer to Liverpool, returned from sea to the first named place on the 23rd Dec.”

Batavia Handelsblad, 27th Dec.
“The following information has been sent us:—The steamer *Koning der Nederlanden*, Bruyns, of the Nederland Company, arrived yesterday afternoon at Samarang from Probolinggo. As a proof to show what rough weather has prevailed of late throughout almost the whole of Java, we may state that the steamer picked up 150 shipwrecked persons. As it has not been stated what shipwrecked people these were and from whence they came, it is evident, we think, that we have to do here with the crews of wrecked craft, which have been saved from certain death by the humane assistance of Captain Bruyns.”

“For years we have not had such stormy weather as during the last two weeks. Especially in Mid Java, the wind has caused damage to the coffee plantations.—*Batavia Handelsblad*, 27th Dec.”

Batavia Dec. 27.—By high winds trees were uprooted here on the 23rd inst. but we have not heard of any other disasters. News has been received at this city from Mid Java stating that since the 20th instant, heavy storms had been prevailing there, whereby a multitude of *dadap* and coffee trees had been blown to the ground, houses had fallen in, and much other damage done. Also in the Preanger Regencies the coffee trees have suffered greatly.”—*Han-*

delblad.

“The political outcomes of the year 1878 have been as unsatisfactory as possible, and in other departments state of matters is not much better. Trade has passed through a year of stagnation, and there have been no new houses have stepped into the places of the fallen ones. The shipping interest declined under unheeded of low freights, and as excess of calamity, there is anxiety for the approaching coffee crop in consequence of the furious storms of the last few days, which have blown away the young berries in great numbers.”—*Ibid.*

A correspondent writes to us as follows from Chinakali:—“Late, a fearful event took place in the mountains. Three natives took their return from Sukabumie, where they had bought their fish to sell it again at Pasar Plohung Puger, were overtaken by darkness, so that they were obliged to pass the night in a shop. The shop-keeper warned them not to depart the next morning before day had fully broken, because, for a couple of days, a royal tiger had been roaming in the neighbourhood; so that the dealers had to make haste in order to arrive at the market with their fish betimes. Moreover, they were not afraid of a tiger, for, as they said, at the birth of every man there is recorded what will happen to him during his lifetime and how his life will end. One of them also said jokingly: ‘With a couple of blows I can drive away ten tigers.’ At three o'clock in the morning they therefore left the shop. Their Bluk mountain when the man who was walking in the middle (the same who was) Number three was seized by a royal tiger. Number three forthwith turned round and ran away as hard as he could, while number one performed a similar manoeuvre but with the intention of helping his comrade. Scarcely

had he raised his *pikulan* (carrying pole) to strike the tiger, when the latter uttered a loud roar, whereupon the man fell to the ground and could no longer move a simple limb. Luckily the monster confined himself to its first victim, and let the other man live undisturbed, who was found by passers-by in a senseless condition. In the meantime the tiger had disappeared with its prey.”—*Ibid.*

“The same official who lately made himself meritorious by finding a quantity of opium ingeniously concealed inside a colour stone, last Saturday, made another important seizure. Among the passengers who then arrived from Singapore in the steamer *Enirne* was a certain Chinaman named Lee Anam, who had brought among his luggage two earthen pots. The contents of these pots were stated by the owner to be *Chao*, a mixture of rice and sugar boiled, but the enormous weight of these pots awakened the suspicion of the official on guard. He decided upon having a closer examination, and, in expectation of his hopes of seizing opium not being disappointed, ordered the doors to be closed, and thus cut off the retreat of the Chinaman, who began to be very uneasy during these preparations. The first work was to see whether these pots had double sides or not, and, to do so, it was necessary to break to pieces the upper parts of them. Scarcely had this been done when a considerable quantity of opium made its appearance, not in bladders and no further packed than its being concealed within the false sides. The quantity of opium found amounted by weight to fully 204 taels. It was put into bottles and sealed with the official seal. We believe that after such repeated discoveries of contraband opium, amateurs of smuggling will think twice before endeavouring to evade the watchfulness of the customs' officials with double-sided pots and hollowed stones.”—*Ibid.*

THE CHILDREN'S SEASON.

(Week.)

Most young people are looking forward to the Christmas holidays, essentially the time for enjoyment for all who are afraid neither of the future nor the past. Many are the dreams of well-filled stockings, Christmas trees, and juvenile balls, which are indulged in weeks and months before the holiday time arrives. The children of a family, with a large circle of acquaintance, have as much as they can well do to keep all the engagements that are made for them. Too much party-going is a bad thing for young folks, as it is for old ones, but once or twice during the holidays a children's party is a harmless and very enjoyable pleasure. It should be a party composed of grown-up people, and where even the children seem like little men and women in their attempts to imitate their elders in the art of flirtation during the *trois temps* and the “Boston Dip.” The true children's party should commence in the afternoon at four or five, and everybody should be in bed by ten. Punch and July should not be excluded, and all sorts of amusing games should be indulged in. No one who has not attempted to entertain forty or fifty children for four or five hours can imagine the difficulty of the task. And the mother or elder sister who tries it for the first time must make up her mind for an afternoon of great drudgery. She should not attempt it single-handed, but have three or four lively young ladies to help her. Once the children have been persuaded to move, and the boys not to congregate on one side of the room and the girls on the other, the first trouble will be over. There are one or two games which never fail to amuse, and as they can be played by all, they should be tried. “Journey to Jerusalem” can be played by a large number, and is invariably a success. A long line of chairs, *à la* *la* fashion, is first arranged, taking care to leave one chair too few for the company. The children walk round the chairs in a line, and when everyone is to rush for a seat. Of course, there will be one left out, who must be out of the game. The music and march continue, one more chair being taken from the line, and so on until there are only two children and one chair left. Which of those two will get the seat is a contest affording great amusement. Another game which never fails to attract the juvenile mind is to have a large bag made of tissue paper, filled with crackers and sweets, suspended to the chandelier or folding doors. One of the children is blindfolded, and with a long stick in his hand, walks the length of the drawing-room, and tries with his stick to break the bag. If he is successful, the sweets fall to the ground, and the children scramble for them. There must be but one chance allowed for this. If the first child fails, another must try.

Little plays for children are now published in great numbers, and if well done they are a source of great amusement to young and old. The old fairy tales are decidedly the best, and the simpler they are the better. “Beauty and the Beast” is a very pretty little piece to play, except for the difficulty of getting a child to play the Beast, all objecting (like their seniors) to anything but a “pretty” part. A mischievous boy, however, is generally to be found who consents to be the Beast for the fun of wearing a false beard and “frightening” the youngsters. The most desirable character for a child is a fairy. If it is intense pleasure to read about these imaginary creatures, what delight actually to be one for a whole evening together. So, if a place is to be successful, there should at least be one fairy in it. The person who gets up children's plays should be moderate in certain that her company will not back out on the evening of the performance. It is a very disagreeable thing to find the principal performer utterly decline to keep her engagement. We have known mamma's gold watch and sister's best bracelet fall entirely to move the obstinacy of a miss of five summers, who had made up her mind to go through her part after she had been well stuffed with oranges and sweets, administered as a bribe. With a deal of drilling, a child's performance may be made to go off with great success. The little ones must be cautioned not to gabble, but to speak slowly and distinctly; not to look at their fine dresses, nor to smile at their friends in the audience; and to forget that they possess arms and legs, for, if they remember the last, they will find those articles very troublesome.

COMMERCIAL.

January 31.
The intervention of the native New Year holidays has not so completely suspended business in Hongkong as was anticipated. A pretty fair business in Patna has

been done in the interval under notice, though the rate for it has weakened during the past few days. A large supply of it is carried forward to next month, whilst the supply on the way is also large. Of Benares likewise a fair quantity has been taken, though the rate for it has favored buyers concurrently with that for Patna. The present quotations are \$552½ to \$555 for Patna, and \$525 to \$527½ for Benares.

To the last noted receipts have to be added 69 chests, making the total for the closing months 4,393 chests, against 3,277 chests in the corresponding month of last year. During the fortnight some 550 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against a similar quantity at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 2,200 chests, against 2,000 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 800 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock comprises but 200 chests.

Messrs. HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Saturday, 1st February, says:—

The freight market has been more active during the past fortnight, and although settlements continue on a moderate scale, there exists a livelier demand for tonnage both homeward and seaward. Arrivals of suitable vessels for the Coast trade have not been excessive, and as the Chinese are commencing operations again a rise in freights may soon be looked for.

Homewards, only a few settlements have taken place, and there has been very little inquiry for tonnage from the Philippines, owing to the lateness of the Sugar crop there, but a better demand is expected soon.

Seawards, very little business has been done on account of the Chinese New Year's festivities, but freights for the Northern Ports are firm, and suitable vessels are in good demand.

From Rice Ports a few steamers have been taken up at late rates; there is no inquiry for sailing vessels.

The British barque *Laurel*, 698 tons, left for Singapore “seeking.” The American barque *Herbert Black*, 573 tons, proceeds to Portland (Oregon), under charter effected there. The Danish brig *Gylding*, 240 tons, proceeds to Formosa; under monthly charter effected elsewhere.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 47 vessels, registering 29,723 tons, steamer's not included.

The following are the settlements:—British barque *Black Watch*, 491, to Channel, for orders to one Port in the United Kingdom, £1 5s. 0d. per ton of 60 c. ft.

British barque *Hazellhurst*, 877, to New York, private.

British barque *Laura R. Burnham*, 673, to New York, private.

British ship *Matchless*, 1165, to Portland (Oregon), \$6,500 gold in full.

American barque *Coloma*, 853, to Portland (Oregon), \$5,250 gold in full.

American barque *Alden Bessie*, 850, to Portland (Oregon), \$5,750 gold in full.

American barque *Helenia*, 603, to Victoria, Vancouver Island, \$3,000 gold in full.

American barque *Rosetta McNeil*, 611, to San Francisco, \$4,000 gold in full.

American ship *Invisible*, 1450, to Callao, \$20 in full, 4 day days.

German barque *Helene*, 372, to Honolulu and back, private, (instead of Whampoa) to Tientsin as reported previously.

Norwegian barque *Krik*, 417, to Tokyo to Sydney, and from Newcastle (N. S. W.) back to Hongkong, via Duke of York Island, 22 lbs. 0d. per ton of 20 cwt.

French barque *Corduan*, 450, Whampoa to Tientsin, and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 43 cents per picul, 42 day days.

British steamer *Lorne*, 1034½, to Singapore and Penang, \$5,000 in full, 10 day days.

British steamer *Argyle*, 1203, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar), 23 cents per picul, (outside the Bar), 18 cents per picul, 20 day days.

British steamer *Pernambuco*, 643, Saigon to Hongkong, (recharter), 134 cents per picul, 10 day days.

German steamer *Atalanta*, 782, Monthly Charter, (2 months) \$3,000 per month.

Messrs. DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 30th Jan., says:—

Our last report was dated 2nd instant; since that date business generally has been very restricted, and our advice by this opportunity are consequently of rather an uninteresting nature.

TEA.—The only transactions reported, are in Congous; a few small contracts, for special orders, have been made, but they are almost too insignificant in extent to be worth mentioning. Scouted teas have commanded no attention whatever.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—Dec. 24, S. S. *Patrol* vs. Congou 180 882 lbs., S. S. *Caper* 143 955 lbs., S. O. *Patrol* 23,540 lbs., *Sorts* 4,350 lbs., total 852,727 lbs.; Jan. 4, S. S. *Tehran*, Congou 143,736 lbs., S. *Caper* 97 878 lbs., S. O. *Pikoe* 30,141 lbs., total 272,216 lbs.; 7, S. S. *Achille*, Congou 188 725 lbs., S. *Caper* 99 855 lbs., S. O. *Pakoe* 7,493 lbs., total 296,053 lbs.; 11, S. S. *Sindh*, Congou 56,223 lbs., S. *Caper* 65,583 lbs., S. O. *Pakoe* 1,280 lbs., total 122,086 lbs.; 18, S. S. *Monckia*, Congou 202,816 lbs., S. *Caper* 26,820 lbs., S. O. *Pakoe* 11,940 lbs., *Sorts* 52 440 lbs., total 272,216 lbs.—*Make* 32 440 lbs., total 272,216 lbs.; against the season of 22,592,208 lbs. against 0,640,692 for season 1877-78.

SILK.—As usual at this period of the year there has been a cessation of business, and there is no apparent haste on the part of natives to resume operations. The only settlements of *Realte* teas reported in the past month are 40 bales, and these were taken in the first fortnight. The present season is approaching a termination, and we do not fancy that more than about 1,200 bales will now be available for export. Prices asked are on the basis of \$37½ to \$38½ per picul for No. 4 quality, but quotations for all classes are quite nominal. Of *Long-reels*, there are no settlements to announce.

In *Re-reels*, transactions have been on a small scale, but this is in a measure owing to the scarcity of suitable silk of the class wanted, as there are unexecuted orders to some extent.

Stock is computed at 1,200 to 1,500 bales *Teatles*, 50 bales *Kovkong*, 150 bales *Cumbeck* and *Lucklow*, and about 200 bales of common mixed sorts.

Waste.—Settlements 200 to 500 bales. *Export of Silk*—Export to date:—To London, 3771 bales; to Continent, 4921 bales; to America, 6814 boxes; to Bombay, 2355 piculs;—total, 2092 bales, 5914 boxes.

and 2356 piculs. Of Waste, 7393 bales and Pierced Cocoons 788 bales for Europe.

SETTLEMENTS FOR THE PAST MONTH.

1878-79. 1877-78.

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
VIA BOMBAY,
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
PEKIN, Captain W. Woolcott, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 1st February,
at Noon.
Tea and General Cargo for London will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879. fel

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
AND
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. OCEANIC will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on TUESDAY, the 4th February, 1879, at
8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 3rd February. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.
A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, January 3, 1879. fed

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th February,
1879, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
TIGRE, Commandant CHAMBERLAIN,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 7th February, 1879. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, January 27, 1879. fe8

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY,
the 2nd February, at 3 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE,
A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISS-
ION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., of 21st February. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 3, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879. fe22

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

BERLIN COLOGNE
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
BERLIN.

Guarantee Funds of the
Company's Reinsurers, M. 100,000,000
Shareholders' Capital, " 6,000,000
Premiums and Interests " 5,157,643
for 1877, " 1,666,122
Reserves, " 1,666,122

Makes a Grand Total of M. 112,823,763

Capital Insured end of 1877, M. 1,924,507,681

THE Undersigned having been Appoint-
ed AGENTS GENERAL for the
above Company, are prepared to grant
Insurances to the extent of \$50,000 on
First-class Risks at Current Rates.

GROSSMANN & Co.,
Agents General.

Hongkong, January, 1879. fe16

THE GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE
ASSURANCE COMPANY,
LONDON.

THE AGENCY of the above Company
at this Port and at Foochow has
This Day been Transferred to the Under-
signed, who are prepared to accept Risks
and grant Policies at Current Rates.

BIRLEY & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 11, 1879. fe11

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saidon and Penang. Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 23, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.
Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

For Sale.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT, Parts I.
and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal
8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL,
Ph.D. Leipzig.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS
AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai, and Messrs
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

NOW READY.

FENG-SHUI; or, THE RUDIMENTS OF
NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr.
E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price,
\$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND
POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures,
By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One
Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane,
Crawford & Co.
Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,
"VARIETY STORE,"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's
day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese
Mail will be issued DAILY instead of tri-
weekly as heretofore. No change, how-
ever, will be made in the price of subscrip-
tion, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now
assimilated to those of the China Mail.
The unusual success which has attended
the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable
medium for advertisers.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual
circulation of one thousand copies. It is
already the most influential native journal
published, and enjoys considerable prestige
at the Ports of China and Japan, and at
Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Fran-
cisco and Australia.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers							
Albay	h.	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	K'loon Dock
America	h.	Graham	Brit. str.	1000	Jan. 17	Birley & Co.	Hollow
Atalanta	h.	Petersen	Ger. str.	782	Jan. 16	Meyer & Co.	Bangkok
Bellona	h.	Ahrens	Ger. str.	789	Jan. 15	Siemssen & Co.	2nd prox.
Bombay	h.	Orr	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Ah Sheng	To-day
Chinkiang	h.	Thomson	Brit. str.	799	Dec. 21	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai
Dale	h.	Blanco	Span. str.	657	Jan. 20	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok
Kanyu	h.	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	H. K. & W'pon Dock Co.	K'loon Dock
Fame	h.	Thomas	Brit. str.	1236	Jan. 27	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Amoy and Manila
Flintshire	h.	Waring	Brit. str.	1812	Jan. 28	Adamson, Fell & Co.	Cor'tan Dock
Gordon Castle	h.	Bergh	Nerw. str.	904	Jan. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tug Flying
Hakon Adelstein	h.	Billings	Brit. str.	1523	Jan. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai
Hector	h.	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	Jan. 3	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	at daylight
Killarney	h.	Punchard	Brit. str.	675	Jan. 28	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	2nd prox.
Kwangtung	h.	McCulloch	Brit. str.	1034	Jan. 12	Melchers & Co.	Coast Ports
Malacca	h.	Smith	Brit. str.	1709	Jan. 30	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Singapore and Penang
Namoa	h.	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	Jan. 28	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama
Ningpo	h.	Freeman	Brit. str.	1414	Jan. 30	Butterfield & Swire	Mails
Norma	h.	Cass	Brit. str.	761	Jan. 4	Siemssen & Co.	Abdeen Dock
Oceanic	h.	Metcalfe	Brit. str.	8700	Jan. 17	O. & O. S. S. Co.	2nd prox.
Pacific	h.	Herrschheim	Ger. str.	69	Jan. 10	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai
Pekin	h.	Woolcott	Brit. str.	8777	Jan. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	2nd prox.
Perusia	h.	McKirdy	Belg. str.	2227	Dec. 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai
Quinta	h.	Wang	Ger. str.	876	Jan. 18	W. E. Ray	K'loon Dock
Sea Gull	h.	Wang	Ger. str.	820	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	4th prox.
Thales	h.	Wang	Ger. str.	820	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	4th prox.

Sailing Vessels									
Abney Cowper	h.	Carr	Brit.	bge.	689	Jan. 20	Meyer & Co.		
Agate	h.	Pike	Amer.	bge.	620	Dec. 20	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Alden Besse	h.	Noyes	Amer.	bge.	860	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland	
Alfredo	h.	Pittaluga	Ital.	bge.	909	Jan. 17	Borneo Co., Limited		
Beethoven	h.	Boje	Ger.	bge.	840	Jan. 28	Melchers & Co.		
Black Hawk	h.	Ho-land	Amer.	sh.	1126	Jan. 13	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	
Black Watch	h.	Kennish	Brit.	bge.	491	Dec. 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Channel I.o.	
Bury St. Edmunds	h.	Kedskjee	Dan.	sh.	718	Jan. 28	Borneo Co. Limited		
Carnarvonshire	h.	Fishwick	Brit.	bge.	378	Nov. 13	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Channel Queen	h.	Luchner	Brit.	sh.	609	Jan. 28	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Charité	h.	Gautiere	Fch.	bge.	256	Jan. 18	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	Cleared
Charmer	h.	Lucas	Amer.	sh.	1833	Jan. 8	Order		
Christina	h.	Capra	Nic. 3 m. co.	173	Dec. 25	J. dos Remedios & Co.			
Coeran	h.	Hall	Amer.	sch.	188	July 18	W. B. Ray		
Coloma	h.	Hall	Amer.	bge.	853	Nov. 16	Russell & Co.	Portland or San F'co.	
Commissary	h.	Morison	Brit.	sch.	900	Oct. 23	Meyer & Co.		
Condor	h.	Steffens	Ger.	bge.	368	Nov. 22	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Connaught Ranger	h.	Murphy	Brit.	sh.	1153	Dec. 10	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Cordouan	h.	Bertand	Fch.	bge.	459	Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Cores	h.	Pearce	Brit.	bge.	585	Jan. 9	Meyer & Co.		
Cresswell	h.	White	Brit.	bge.	464	Jan. 6	Wieler & Co.		Wanchai Pier
E. C. Mutch	h.	Mutch	Brit.	sch.	182	Jan. 9	Captain		
Echo	h.	Tozer	Brit.	bge.	369	Jan. 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Formosa	Cortan Dock
Elizabeth Nicholson	h.	Orison	Brit.	sh.	904	Oct. 17	Borneo Co., Limited		
Emperance	h.	Gullion	Fch.	bge.	272	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	Wanchai Pier
Eve	h.	Merceron	Fch.	bge.	827	Jan. 28	Meyer & Co.		
Fanny	h.	Gauger	Fch.	bge.	814	Nov. 9	Landstein & Co.		
Fangh Balogh	h.	Rüte	Ger.	bge.	240	Dec. 19	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Fleetwing	h.	Gust	Amer.	sh.	829	Oct. 17	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Fontenaye	h.	Taylor	Brit.	sh.	635	Oct. 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Caliao	
Forward	h.	Vandevord	Brit.	bge.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.		
Friedrich	h.	Oldrup	Ger.	bge.	672	Jan. 7	Meyer & Co.	Saigon	
Gylding	h.	Winter	Dan.	bg.	240	Jan. 16	Wieler & Co.	Amoy	Sands' Slip
Hail Columbia	h.	Brereton	Amer.	sch.	566	Nov. 19	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Hattie N. Bangs	h.	Bangs	Am. 3m. sc.	358	Dec. 1	Captain			
Hawthorn	h.	Mead	Brit.	bge.	296	Dec. 2	Wieler & Co.	Tientsin	Cleared
Hazelhurst	h.	Goudry	Brit.	bge.	877	Jan. 16	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Helena	h.	Snow	Amer.	bge.	608	Jan. 2	Russell & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	
Herbert Black	h.	Treat	Amer.	bge.	873	Jan. 2	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Highlander	h.	Hutchinson	Amer.	sh.	1352	June 16	Vogel & Co.		
Holstein	h.	Külper	Ger. 3m. sc.	281	Jan. 10	Edward Schellhass & Co.		K'loon Dock	
Invincible	h.	Strickland	Amer.	sh.	1450	Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.	Caliao	
Irene	h.	Yates	Amer.	sch.	481	Jan. 13	Meyer & Co.		
J. H. Ingersoll	h.	Daw	Amer.	bge.	609	Nov. 24	Russell & Co.	New York	
Kirkland	h.	Colledge	Brit.	bge.	453	Jan. 24	Wieler & Co.		
Kvik	h.	James	Norw.	bge.	417	Dec. 14	Stemmen & Co.	Australia	
Lota	h.	Dunford	Brit.	bge.	472	Jan. 13	Order		
Louis	h.	Shierhorn	Ger. 8m. sc.	245	Oct. 17	Edward Schellhass & Co.			
Maria Louisa	h.	Krichsen	Ger.	bge.	442	Jan. 20	Wieler & Co.	Hatphong	
Marquis of Argyll	h.	McKeon	Brit.	bge.	500	Dec. 24	Rozario & Co.		
Matchless	h.	Dawes	Amer.	sh.	1165	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	Portland or San F'co	
Mignon	h.	Soule	Amer.	sh.	454	Dec. 10	Vogel & Co.	Honolulu	
Morning Star	h.	Michalson	Siam.	bge.	527	Jan. 30	Chines		
Northern Star	h.	Wortley	Brit.	bge.	527	Jan. 30	Wieler & Co.		
Onward	h.	Boysen	Brit.	sch.	200	Dec. 27	Lane, Crawford & Co.		
Paralos	h.	Pasco	Fch.	bge.	342	Jan. 22	Carlowitz & Co.		
Pilgrim	h.	Fowle	Amer.	sh.	956	Jan. 18	Russell & Co.	Tientsin	Cleared
P. Fitzpatrick	h.	Phelan	Amer.	bge.	680	Jan. 13	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Prince Arthur	h.	Wills	Brit.	bge.	296	Dec. 14	Chinese		
Rosetta McNeil	h.	Brown	Amer.	bge.	611	Dec. 10	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	
Silver Eagle	h.	Richard	Brit.	bge.	978	Jan. 1	Admson, Bell & Co.		
Staut	h.	Acceehong	Norw.	bge.	581	Jan. 6	Meyer & Co.		Wanchai Pier
Stillman R. Allen	h.	Taylor	Amer.	bge.	586	Jan. 26	Meyer & Co.		
Stonewall Jackson	h.	Bartlett	Amer.	bge.	1112	Dec. 30	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Stracathro	h.	Miller	Brit.	bge.	1159	Dec. 17	Russell & Co.	Singapore	
Strathmore	h.	Hems-worth	Brit.	bge.	500	Dec. 21	Captain		
Sumaride	h.	Tobiasen	Norw.	sh.	943	Jan. 8	Vogel & Co.	London	
Sumatra	h.	Clough	Amer.	sh.	1080	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.		
Sydenham	h.	Miller	Fch.	sh.	1063	Jan. 5	Vogel & Co.		
Theresa & Nelly	h.	Garceau	Fch.	bge.	858	Nov. 16	Carlowitz & Co.		K'loon Dock
Thos. A. Goddard	h.	Smith	Amer.	bge.	682	Jan. 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Vicenta	h.	Er-moya	Span.	bge.	518	Jan. 24	Remedios & Co.		
W. E. Gladstone	h.	Gallichan	Brit.	bge.	684	Jan. 4	Master	Manila	
Wm. Phillips	h.	Healy	Amer.	sch.	592	Jan. 18	Captain		